

Buffalo

Rochester

Syracuse

## LEAGUE MEMBERS

Utica

Schenectady

Albany

Binghamton

Elmira

**BUFFALO BASKET BALL CLUB****MEMBER OF NEW YORK STATE BASKET BALL LEAGUE**

RAY J. FISCHER, Manager

~~39 Koons Avenue~~ - Buffalo, N. Y.

450 Moselle Street

HOME COURT - BROADWAY AUDITORIUM IN BUFFALO, N. Y. - Seating Capacity 10,000

Buffalo, N.Y., March 30th, 1942.

Mr. Bill White,  
Sec. Newark Eagles Base Ball Club  
of the Negro National League,  
71 Crawford Street,  
Newark, N.J.

Dear Mr. White:

As promised you on your last visit here last fall when your club played the Baltimore Elites here at Offermann Stadium in Buffalo and also at Hyde Park Stadium in Niagara Falls, N.Y., before two very unsatisfactory crowds, as compared to the usually good attendances we had at all of the other Negro National League games here last season, I am writing you real early this season, so that we can get together with you and the Baltimore Elites for some very early season games in Buffalo and Niagara Falls, N.Y., during the coming base ball season of 1942.

For your information, I wish to state here that Buffalo has grown tremendously since last summer, and we now have a population of over a million people in Buffalo. The defense plants of our two large aeroplane plants, Curtiss and Bellis, the defense munition plants of the American Car & Foundry Company here, and also of the Buffalo Arms Corporation, a mammoth new plant here, and all of the steels mills, viz: Bethlehem plant in Lackawanna, Republic in Buffalo, and the Wickwire-Spencer plant in Tonawanda, N.Y., brought in workers here into Buffalo, from practically every State in the Union. We just concluded the greatest basket ball season here in the history of Buffalo, and hockey, wrestling and boxing are drawing better here right now than at any other time in the history of Buffalo. That is largely due to the large number of people that came here from all over U.S. I look for a great season in base ball, and for that reason, I am making my plans earlier than at any other time heretofore.

It was also my intention to write to Mr. Vernon Green, as I had promised him last fall in your presence, but I have mislaid his address in Baltimore, and cannot locate same right now. Will you, therefore, please contact Mr. Green as soon as possible, and let him know just what I have written you. I will also appreciate it very much if you will kindly give me Mr. Green's address when replying to this letter.

Trusting to hear from you by return mail, with some idea of about what would be the earliest time in 1942 that your club and the Balt. Elites can play here in Buffalo at Offermann Stadium, and also at Hyde Park in Niagara Falls, N.Y., and with best regards to you and Mr. Manley, I beg to remain,

Very truly yours,

*Ray J. Fischer* 450 MOSELLE ST.